



INSPECTOR GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
4800 MARK CENTER DRIVE
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22350-1500

October 18, 2019

Ref: DODOIG-2019-001231

SENT VIA EMAIL TO: 80700-11733530@requests.muckrock.com

Mr. Sai Sai
MuckRock News
DEPT MR 80700
411A Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02144

Dear Mr. Sai:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for a copy of “all records relating to any complaint(s), FOIA request(s)/appeal(s), and/or Privacy Act request(s)/appeal(s) made by [you].” We received your request on September 23, 2019, and assigned it case number DODOIG-2019-001231.

The FOIA, Privacy and Civil Liberties Office conducted a search and found records responsive to your request. Upon review, we determined that the redacted portions are exempt from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5), which pertains to certain inter-and intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege; and 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6), which pertains to information, the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Please be advised this response also includes records regarding your request DODOIG-2019-001166, but that request remains open and ongoing.

If you consider this an adverse determination, you may submit an appeal. Your appeal, if any, must be postmarked within 90 days of the date of this letter, clearly identify the determination that you would like to appeal, and reference to the FOIA case number above. Send your appeal to the Department of Defense, Office of Inspector General, ATTN: FOIA Appellate Authority, Suite 10B24, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22350-1500, or via facsimile to 571-372-7498. For more information on appellate matters and administrative appeal procedures, please refer to 32 C.F.R. Sec. 286.9(e) and 286.11(a).

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at FOIAPublicLiaison@dodig.mil, or by calling 703-604-9785, for any further assistance with your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. However, OGIS does not have the authority to mediate requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974 (request to access one’s own records).

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Larry Kirkland at 703-604-8498 or via email at foiarequests@dodig.mil.

Sincerely,



Searle Slutzkin
Division Chief
FOIA, Privacy and Civil Liberties Office

Enclosure(s):
As stated



INSPECTOR GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22350-1500

October 20, 2017
Ref: DODOIG-2017-000960

SENT VIA EMAIL TO: foia@saizai.com

Sai
SaiCorp, Inc.
500 Westover Drive, No. 4514
Sanford, NC 27330

Dear Mr. Sai:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all records described by 5 U.S.C. §552(a)(1) and (a)(2), as well as all records relating to the processing of your request. We received your request on September 21, 2017, and assigned it case number DODOIG-2017-000960.

Please be advised that pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552(a)(3)(A), agencies are not required to respond to FOIA requests for (a)(1) and (a)(2) documents. However, regarding (a)(2) documents, Section 4 of Department of Defense Manual (DoDM) 5400.07, which is titled “FOIA Libraries,” establishes the following:

- DoD Component websites such as the Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (<http://ogc.osd.mil/doha/>) and Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals (<http://www.asbca.mil/>) meet the requirement as set forth by Section (a)(2)(A), “Final Opinions.”
- Section (a)(2)(B), “Statements of Policy,” can be located on the DoD Issuances website at <http://www.esd.whs.mil/DD/DoD-Issuances/>.
- DoD Office of Inspector General policies and regulations can be found at <http://www.dodig.mil/Resources/Policies/>, in addition, the DoD Issuances website, located at <http://www.esd.whs.mil/DD/DoD-Issuances/>, also satisfies the requirements for Section (a)(2)(C), “Administrative Staff Manuals or Instructions.”
- The DoD OIG FOIA Library, located at <http://www.dodig.mil/FOIA/FOIA-Reading-Room/>, fulfills the requirements of Section (a)(2)(D), “Frequently Requested Records.”

For more information regarding the DoD FOIA Program, you may access DoDM 5400.07 at http://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/issuances/dodm/540007_dodm_2017.pdf.

In response to the second portion of your request for all records relating to the processing of your request, please be advised that a search was conducted in the FOIA, Privacy and Civil Liberties Office. Upon completion of the search, eleven pages of records were located and I have determined that these documents are appropriate for release in full. Copies of these records are enclosed.

October 20, 2017
Ref: DODOIG-2017-000960

In view of the above, you may consider this to be an adverse determination that may be appealed. You may submit an appeal to the Department of Defense, Office of Inspector General, ATTN: FOIA Appellate Authority, Suite 10B24, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22350-1500. Your appeal, if any, must be postmarked within 90 days of the date of this letter and should reference the file number above. I recommend that your appeal and its envelope both bear the notation "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

You may seek dispute resolution services and assistance with your request from the DoD OIG FOIA Public Liaison Officer at 703-604-9785, or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at 877-684-6448, ogis@nara.gov, or <https://ogis.archives.gov/>. Please note that OGIS mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. However, OGIS does not have the authority to mediate requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974 (request to access one's own records).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the FOIA, Privacy and Civil Liberties Office at 703-604-9775 or via email at foiarequests@dodig.mil.

Sincerely,



Mark Dorgan
Division Chief
FOIA, Privacy and Civil Liberties Office

Enclosure(s):
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Request Details

Tracking Number : DODOIG-2017-000960

Submitted Date : 09/21/2017

 Requester : Mr. Sa

Last Assessed Date : 09/21/2017

Organization : Sa Corp Inc.

Fee Limit : \$0.01

Requester Has Account : No

Request Track : Complex

Email Address : fo a@sa za .com

Due Date : N/A

Phone Number : 510-394-4724

Assessed To : Department of Defense
Office of Inspector General

Fax Number : N/A

Last Assessed By : N/A

Address : 500 Westover Dr. #4514

City : Sanford

State/Province : NC

Zip Code/Postal Code : 27330



[Submission Details](#)

[Case File](#)

[Admin Cost](#)

[Assessed Tasks](#)

[Comments \(0\)](#)

[Review](#)

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public : No

Request Perfected : No

Request Track : Complex

Acknowledgement Sent Date:

Fee Category : Other

Unusual Circumstances? : No

Fee Waiver Requested: No

5 Day Notifications:

Fee Waiver Status: N/A

Litigation: No

Expedited Processing Requested:

Requested :

Expedited Processing Status : N/A

Request Description

Short Description :

Please see attachment for request details.

Description Available to the Public : No

Has Description Been Modified?

Additional Information

Type of Records Requested :

Report Number :

Report Name :

Case # :

Limit Request to Clearly Readable Info : Select Limit Request to Clearly Readable Info

Readability Info :

Cross Reference Case(s) :

Attached Supporting Files

Attachments Available to the No
Public:

Attached File	Type	Size (MB)	Remove
201709210738 pdf	PDF	0.42	

Upload Supporting Files

No attachments have been added.

September 21, 2017

Department of Defense, Office of the Inspector General
Department of Defense Office of Inspector General
DoD IG FOIA Requester Service Center
ATTN: FOIA/PA Chief, Suite 17F18
4800 Mark Center Drive
Alexandria, VA 22350-1500

Dear FOIA department:

This is a FOIA request for all records described by 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(1, 2), as well as processing records for this request itself.

In particular, I request:

1. All:

- a) descriptions of its central and field organization and the established places at which, the employees (and in the case of a uniformed service, the members) from whom, and the methods whereby, the public may obtain information, make submittals or requests, or obtain decisions;
- b) statements of the general course and method by which its functions are channeled and determined, including the nature and requirements of all formal and informal procedures available;
- c) rules of procedure, descriptions of forms available or the places at which forms may be obtained, and instructions as to the scope and contents of all papers, reports, or examinations;
- d) substantive rules of general applicability adopted as authorized by law, and statements of general policy or interpretations of general applicability formulated and adopted by the agency; and
- e) each amendment, revision, or repeal of the foregoing.

... except that you may, at your discretion, exclude records published in the Federal Register.

2. All:

- a) final opinions, including concurring and dissenting opinions, as well as orders, made in the adjudication of cases;
- b) those statements of policy and interpretations which have been adopted by the agency;
- c) administrative staff manuals and instructions to staff that affect a member of the public;
- d) copies of all records, regardless of form or format that have been requested 3 or more times; and
- e) a general index of the records referred to under subparagraph (D); and
- f) current indexes providing identifying information for the public as to any matter issued, adopted, or promulgated after July 4, 1967, and identified in paragraphs (A)-(E)

... except that you may, at your discretion, exclude records published in the Federal Register, or available on your online FOIA reading room.

For the purposes of this request, all terms above have the same meaning as they do in 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(1, 2).

I also request:

3. all records relating to the fulfillment of this request

This part of the request is to be processed only AFTER you have completed processing all of the above parts. Do not conduct any search for records under this part earlier than that.

This part does not request that you create any new record; rather, it requests the records that you will have created in processing the above parts, and will therefore exist before you conduct the search for this part. See McGehee v. CIA, 697 F. 2d 1095, 1100-05 (D.C. Cir. 1983) (agency must use time-of-search cut-off date, not time-of-request).

For all responsive records, I also request:

1. all parts of the record (i.e. no portion of a record with some responsive portion may be considered "non-responsive");
2. all versions of the record, whether or not currently in use;
3. all record metadata, such as dates on which they were drafted, passed, went into effect, withdrawn, or similar events; person(s) / office(s) responsible; authors; IDs; revision numbers; etc.;
4. a detailed index of all claims of exemption/privilege, regardless of whether the record is claimed to be exempt in whole or in part;
5. access to inspect the record directly, in its native electronic format; and
6. if any classification applies, mandatory declassification review (MDR) under E.O. 13526, and the result of the MDR, including any declassified records.

For all requests above, the "cut-off date" is, at the earliest, the date that you conduct the search.

Please note that this request is made after the enactment of Public Law No. 114-185, S. 337 (114th), the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016 (FOIA IA). The revised statute, as specified in the FOIA IA, applies to this request. FOIA IA § 6. In particular, please note that:

1. you must provide electronic format documents, §§ 552(a)(2) (undesignated preceding text), 552(a)(2)(E) (undesignated following text), 552(a)(3)(B), and 552(a)(3)(C);
2. you may not specify an appeal duration less than 90 days, § 552(a)(6)(C)(A)(i) (III)(aa);
3. you may not withhold any record unless "the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by an exemption described in subsection (b), or disclosure is prohibited by law", § 552(a)(8)(A)(i);
4. you must segregate and partially release records where possible, §§ 552(a)(8)(A)(ii) and 552(b) (undesignated matter following (b)(9)); and
5. you may not claim deliberative process exemption for records more than 25 years old, § 552(b)(5).

This request specifically excludes providing me with new copies of any records which have been already provided to me or published online for free (e.g. on the agency's online "reading room"), in full or identically to the form that would be

provided to me under this request (i.e. with exactly the same format, redactions, and claimed exemptions).

This is only an exclusion on providing records under this request that are identical to those already provided to me or available online, and only if I am or have already been provided a link to the online version (if "available online").

This exclusion is only intended to limit unnecessary duplication or provision, not to limit what records are responsive to this request, nor to permit failure to disclose the location of a responsive record available online. If this exclusion would in any way increase the cost or duration to respond to this request, it is to be ignored to the extent it does so.

This request is to be treated as separate from all others that I have filed.

Please forward this request to the FOIA office of every agency component and subcomponent that may have responsive records for independent processing, with a copy to me.

This request includes any records held jointly by your agency in conjunction with any other agency and/or department, in interagency and/or interdepartmental systems of records, or by other agencies or third parties (including contractors) acting pursuant any agreement with your agency.

With the possible exception of the index of records claimed to be exempt or privileged, this request does not ask you to create new records. If you determine that a response would require creating a new record that you do not want to create, please first contact me by email with an explanation of what records you have that would most closely match the information requested and might be acceptable substitutes, so that we can reasonably tailor the request.

In particular, I specifically request that you do not create new documents in response to this request that are modifications of a digital record, such as page-view images, print views, scans, or the like. No such creation or substitution is authorized by FOIA or the Privacy Act.

However, if the same or similar records are held in both electronic and paper formats, this request includes both the paper and electronic versions. The paper version and the digital version are distinct records, and each may contain distinct information such as handwritten or other markings on the paper copy and embedded metadata in the electronic version.

Furthermore, to the extent that the native electronic format is proprietary or otherwise not in format accessible by widely available, open source software, I request that you also provide an export of the proprietary format into a standard, open format, as described below.

Please note that the FOIA requires you to service the maximum extent of my request that can be done via e.g. partial redaction of exempt material. If you believe some portions of a record to be exempt because it contains Sensitive Security Information (SSI, 49 CFR 15, 1520) or classified information (18 USC 798), please provide a version of the record redacted to the minimum extent necessary to remove exempt information (e.g. per 49 CFR 1520.15), along with adequate information to describe the reason for each specific exemption.

In order to help tailor my request, please provide an upfront estimate of the time and cost it will take to complete this request, broken down any significant factors that would affect cost to service, number of records in each category, and your estimate of how many records in the category are likely to be exempt.

Please provide me with incremental updates, with updated estimates for fulfillment of the remainder, rather than having the entirety of the request be blocked until fully completed.

In accordance with 5 USC 552(a)(3)(B, C) (E-FOIA), Rehabilitation Act § 508, and FOIA IA, please respond using native format, electronic, machine-processable, accessible, open, and well structured records to the maximum extent possible. This means, e.g.:

- * native format records rather than PDFs or other conversions (note above re providing both native electronic records and scans of paper records, if both exist);
- * individual files per distinct source record (e.g. one .msg file per email), named clearly using the record's identifier, title, and date, rather than a single file containing multiple concatenated records;
- * records compliant with the Rehabilitation Act § 508, 36 CFR 1194.22, USAB ATBCB-2015-0002, and ISO 14289-1;
- * fully digital text records rather than scans, rasterizations, or OCR;
- * complete electronic records, as held on any computer (including phones, servers, backup servers, mail servers, workstations, etc.), including all headers and attachments, fully expanded e-mail addresses, full addresses for address "aliases", full lists for "distribution list" aliases, all embedded and external metadata, complete bitwise digital copies of the original file, all file headers, and all other file content;
- * blackout rather than whiteout redactions, with every redaction marked with all exemption(s) claimed
for that redaction;
- * digital redactions rather than black marker or rasterization;
- * lists and structured data as machine-processable spreadsheets (e.g. CSV, SQL, XSL) rather than word documents (e.g. DOC, PDF, TXT, RTF) or partial printouts (e.g. PDF);
- * open format records (e.g. PDF, AVI, MPG) rather than proprietary format records (e.g. WordPerfect, Microsoft Advanced Systems Format (ASF)) (note above re providing both original, proprietary format records and open format records);
- * scans rather than paper copies;
- * digital audio/video files rather than physical tapes;
- * upload to your Electronic Reading Room (or other publicly accessible server) rather than personal transfer (for all items other than the item requesting records related to me or my requests);
- * email or (S)FTP file transfer rather than CD;
- * email correspondence rather than physical mail; etc.

Multiple files may be sent in a combined, compressed form using standard ZIP, TAR, GZIP, BZIP2, and/or RAR formats, or sent as separate files, at your discretion.

However, do not use a password on any files, including ZIP files etc. If a password was present in the native format, leave it unaltered, send me the password.

If there are any files you prefer not to transfer by email (e.g. if they are more than 10MB), please upload them to me via the link listed below my signature.

Doing so is secure, completely free to you, and the files uploaded will go to me directly.

Please note that this request does not request that you physically "duplicate" records, as I do not want you to create any paper or other physical copy for me - I only want electronic versions (or scans, for records that are not fully available in electronic form). As such, I expect there to be no duplication related costs.

Furthermore, I specifically request access for inspection of the records, including direct electronic access, in native format, to any electronic records.

I am not currently willing to pay for servicing this request. I may be willing to pay if it is necessary; please send a detailed explanation of the costs and their statutory justification, and service the maximum extent of the request that can be done for free in the meantime.

I request that, pending fee waiver determination or appeal, you proceed with this request as if it were in the "other non-commercial requester" category.

This request is a qualified request for journalistic, public interest purposes (entitling me to fully waived fees). As such, I request public interest fee waiver and journalistic fee waiver.

1. I have no commercial interest in these records.

2. I am a representative of the news media and entitled to waiver of all search fees.

I intend and am able to host and publish all received records online to the general public at no charge, as well to publish highlights, analyses, summaries, commentaries, and other creative, original journalistic work about responsive records through multiple online publications, such as <https://plus.google.com/+saizai>, <https://twitter.com/saizai>, and <https://s.ai/foia> (among others).

I also have a standing agreement with BoingBoing to publish articles about these matters, under my byline, on boingboing.net.

I have previously made journalistic publication, extraction, commentary, and analysis based on my FOIA/PA requests, e.g. relating to TSA, DHS, DOJ, and USPS activities, which have gotten widespread public interest, attention, and comment, and resulted in secondary journalistic publications based on my original work. This includes publications such as The New York Times, Forbes, Bloomberg/BNA, ABC News/Fusion, RT America News, RightThisMinute, and BoingBoing. I intend to do the same with this request.

3. The records are of significant public interest, entitled to waiver of all duplication fees, since

- a) as above, I both am able and intend to disseminate the files widely;
- b) they would contribute greatly to the public understanding of the operations and activities of your agency, in that they are records that directly describe agency operations and activities, as well as the issues and matters described at the top of this letter;
- c) they are not currently readily available;
- d) their existence constitutes *prima facie* evidence of your agency's violation of Congress' explicit command in 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(1, 2) that your agency publish all

the primary requested records; and

e) Congress has statutorily mandated that they be published freely, i.e. made a statutory finding that they are records of such significant public interest that they must be published without any request.

4. As mentioned above, I am explicitly not asking for any physical duplication, but rather direct server-to-server file transfer or email (or posting on your website). The FOIA authorizes duplication fees strictly limited to your agency's actual costs, and mandates that your agency use the cheapest available requested methods. I consider the actual costs for server-to-server file transfer to be reasonably estimated by, e.g., Amazon S3's pricing (<https://aws.amazon.com/s3/pricing/>).

If you have any questions or updates about this request, please contact me by email.

Please ensure that all of your responses comply with § 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, 36 CFR 1194.22, and UESB NPRM ATBCB-2015-0002.

In particular, please make all correspondence pursuant to this request – including notification and responsive records – by email, with native electronic format records, as specified in the request. I do not authorize you to send anything to me by physical mail unless I specifically state otherwise.

My email address is sufficient for all response to this request, and I can provide you with free means of electronic transfer for records too large to email.

Do not respond using ZixCorp "Secure Mail" or any other method that "expires" records from being available. Use only actual email and direct attachments, unless I explicitly request otherwise.

Please let me know your tracking number(s) for this request upon receipt, as well as your specific estimated completion date. 5 USC 552(a)(7).

If you believe that any of the requested items are not reasonably described, or that you need any further information regarding my qualification for fee waivers, please be specific about what you consider vague and what questions I can answer that would clarify them.

This request is made via MuckRock. You may provide responsive records either directly to me (see below my sig), or via MuckRock, as described below.

Sincerely,

Sai (Note: Sai is my full legal name; I am mononymic.)
President, SaiCorp, Inc.

SaiCorp is an organization devoted to public interest journalism, government transparency and accountability, individuals' civil rights, and related issues.

NOTE: This request is made on behalf of both myself, Sai (in personal capacity) and SaiCorp, Inc. (in official capacity).

Phone: +1 510 394 4724 (please leave voicemail if I do not pick up)

Email: foia@saizai.com

Upload link: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/KbR4D5SjIrVxm1eE4uHn>

Other identifiers for search purposes: "Sai", "saizai", "SaiCorp", "saizai.com", "s.ai", "i@s.ai", "legal@s.ai", "dccc@s.ai", "foia@saizai.com", "tsa@saizai.com", "saizai@gmail.com"

Physical mail: 500 Westover Dr. #4514, Sanford, NC 27330

NOTE: Do not physically mail responsive records without my explicit request. Send all records in native electronic form, as described above.

Filed via MuckRock.com
E-mail (Preferred): 43151-33203142@requests.muckrock.com

For mailed responses, please address (see note):

MuckRock
DEPT MR 43151
411A Highland Ave
Somerville, MA 02144-2516

PLEASE NOTE: This request is not filed by a MuckRock staff member, but is being sent through MuckRock by the above in order to better track, share, and manage public records requests. Also note that improperly addressed (i.e., with the requester's name rather than "MuckRock News" and the department number) requests might be returned as undeliverable.

From: OSD MC-ALEX ODCMO Mailbox DoD FOIA Policy Office
To: [OSD MC-ALEX ODCMO Mailbox DoD FOIA Policy Office](#)
Subject: FOIA Requests for (a)(1) and (a)(2) records (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 12:55:34 PM
Attachments: [\(a\)\(1\) \(a\)\(2\) Request.pdf](#)
Importance: High

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

DoD FOIA Officers and Attorneys,

Please disseminate this to all of your component FOIA offices.

It has come to our attention that DoD FOIA Offices have received a FOIA request similar to the attached. This requester is asking for documents categorized as FOIA Sections (a)(1) and (a)(2) documents. We recommend that the DoD Components respond in this way:

- According to (a)(3)(A) of the FOIA, agencies do not have to respond to FOIA requests for (a)(1) and (a)(2) documents.
- Furthermore, concerning (a)(2) documents, DoDM 5400.07, Section 4, "FOIA Libraries", establishes the following:
 - (a)(2)(A), Final Opinions. DoD Component websites such as the Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA) and Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals (ASBCA) meet this requirement. For DOHA, the website is <http://ogc.osd.mil/doha/>, and for ASBCA the website is <http://www.asbca.mil/>. Furthermore, you may add additional websites of final opinions that your component has, such as JAG websites (e.g. <https://www.jagcnet.army.mil/ACCA#>).
 - (a)(2)(B), Statements of Policy. You can direct the requester to the DoD Issuances website at <http://www.esd.whs.mil/DD/DoD-Issuances/>. Additionally, if your component has a publicly accessible issuance/regulation/instruction website, please provide that link, too.
 - (a)(2)(C), Administrative Staff Manuals or Instructions. Please provide the requester with the same links as (a)(2)(B), above.
 - (a)(2)(D), Frequently Requested Records, please provide the link to your component's FOIA Library/Reading Room.

As for the part of the request asking for "all records relating to the fulfillment of this request", you can answer in one of two ways. 1), Even though the requester says that he wants the search for this information to be conducted at the END of the processing of this request, you can conduct your search, properly documented, at the beginning right after receipt of the request. That would result in only a few responsive documents created, when the request is received. 2), You can consider this part of the request as a separate request with a new case number, entered into your system AFTER the completion of the first part of the request. Please advise the requester of this, and then process accordingly, with the date of receipt the day that you enter it into your system. If you consider this email from me as responsive to this part of the request, you may provide it to the requester without any consultation/referral. We recommend the second option.

We also recommend that you provide the requester with appeal rights.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Jim Hogan
DoD FOIA Policy
Directorate for Oversight & Compliance
CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

1. All:

- a) descriptions of its central and field organization and the established places at which, the employees (and in the case of a uniformed service, the members) from whom, and the methods whereby, the public may obtain information, make submittals or requests, or obtain decisions;
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Slutzkin, Searle, OIG DoD

From: foiarequests
Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2017 7:58 AM
To: '43151-33203142@requests.muckrock.com'
Subject: DoD OIG FOIA Request Response (DODOIG-2017-000960)
Attachments: DODOIG-2017-000960 Final Response Packet (Sai).pdf

Dear Mr. Sai:

This responds to your status inquiry, received on November 9, 2017, regarding your Freedom of Information Act request dated September 21, 2017. Please be advised that we provided a final response to you via your "foia@saizai.com" email address on October 20, 2017 (see below). The final response is also attached to this email.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the DoD OIG FOIA Requester Service Center at 703-604-9775 or via email at foiarequests@dodig.mil.

Sincerely,
FOIA Requester Service Center
Office of Inspector General
Department of Defense

P. 703-604-9775
F. 571-372-7498
[E. foiarequests@dodig.mil](mailto:foiarequests@dodig.mil)

-----Original Message-----

From: foiarequests
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 8:15 AM
To: 'foia@saizai.com' <foia@saizai.com>
Subject: DoD OIG FOIA Request Response (DODOIG-2017-000960)

Dear Mr. Sai:

Attached please find our final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received on September 21, 2017, for all records described by 5 U.S.C. §552(a)(1) and (a)(2), as well as all records relating to the processing of your request.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the DoD OIG FOIA Requester Service Center at 703-604-9775 or via email at foiarequests@dodig.mil.

Sincerely,
FOIA Requester Service Center
Office of Inspector General
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Request Details

Request Type : FOIA

Status : Closed Due Date : 10/30/2017

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**Request Details**

Tracking Number : DODOIG-2017-000960

Requester : Mr. Sai

Organization : SaiCorp Inc.

Requester Has Account : No

Email Address : foia@saizai.com

Phone Number : 510-394-4724

Fax Number : N/A

Address : 500 Westover Dr. #4514

City : Sanford

State/Province : NC

Zip Code/Postal Code : 27330

Submitted Date : 09/21/2017

Perfect Date : 09/29/2017

Last Assigned Date : 10/13/2017

Fee Limit : \$0.01

Request Track : Simple

Due Date : 10/30/2017

Assigned To : Searle Slutkin (Department of Defense Office of Inspector General)

Last Assigned By : Mark Dorgan (Department of Defense Office of Inspector General)

Submission Details**Request Handling**Requester Info Available to No
the Public :

Request Perfected : Yes

Perfected Date : 09/29/2017

Request Track : Simple

Acknowledgement Sent Date:

Fee Category : Other

Unusual Circumstances ? : No

Fee Waiver Requested: No

Litigation : No

Fee Waiver Status: N/A

* Litigation Court Docket

Expedited Processing No
Requested :

Number :

Expedited Processing Status : N/A

Request Description

Short Description : N/A

Please see attachment for request details.

Description Available to the No
Public :Has Description Been No
Modified?**Additional Information**

Type of Records Requested : N/A

Report Number : N/A

Report Name : N/A

Case # : N/A

Limit Request to Clearly N/A
Releasable Info :

Cross Reference Case(s) : N/A

Attached Supporting Files

Attachments Available to the No
Public :

Attached File	Type	Size (MB)	Remove
201709210738.pdf	PDF	0.42	<input checked="" type="button"/>

Case File

Direct URL : <https://localhost:8443/foia/action/public/view/request/815e721e>

Case Details

Type of Case : FOIA	Received Date : 09/21/2017
Fiscal Year : 2017	Clock Initially Started On : 09/29/2017
Total Days Pending : 14	Closed Date : 10/20/2017
Final Disposition : Full grant	

Case Responsive Records

Publish Options : UU - Unredacted - Unreleasable
RU - Redacted - Unreleasable
UR - Unredacted - Releasable to the General Public

RR - Redacted - Releasable to the General Public
REQ - Release to Requester Only

Filter by Title or Keyword(s) : **SUBMIT****CLEAR**Results **50** Filter by Release Type :

One item found.

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Publish	Title	User	Date/Time	Exempt	Action	Detail
RE <input style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 5px;" type="button" value="▼"/>	2017-000960 FOIA Request Respons...	Searle Slutkin	Fri Oct 20 08:18:04 EDT 2017	N/A		<input style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px; border-radius: 5px;" type="button" value="View"/>

Direct URL: <https://localhost:8443/foia/action/public/view/record/81688c02>

Type : Unknown

Retention : 6 year

One item found.

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Consultations

No consultations have been added.

Correspondence to Requester

3 items found, displaying all items.

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Subject	From	To	Date	Detail	Remove
Final Disposition, Request DODOIG-2017-000960	Searle Slutzkin	(UNSENT)	10/20/2017		

DODOIG-2017-000960 has been processed with the following final disposition: Full grant.

Given the nature of this request, some records are only being released to you as the requester. If you have an account in FOIAonline, you may access those records by [logging into FOIAonline](#). Otherwise, those responsive records will be sent via the method agreed upon with the FOIA processor.

Final Disposition, Request DODOIG-2017-000960	Searle Slutzkin	(UNSENT)	10/20/2017	
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FOIA Request DODOIG-2017-000960 Submitted	System	Mr. Sai	09/21/2017	
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This message is to confirm your request submission to the FOIAonline application: [View Request](#). Request information is as follows:

- Tracking Number: DODOIG-2017-000960
- Requester Name: Mr. SAI
- Date Submitted: 09/21/2017
- Request Status: Submitted
- Description: Please see attachment for request details.

3 items found, displaying all items.

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Other Correspondence

No correspondence has been added.

Appeals

No appeals have been filed.

Invoice

Total Amount Billed Which Has Been Sent To Requester: \$0.00
Invoice will not be stored until close out process has begun.

Payments

Total Amount Owed: \$0.00

No payments to display.

Restricted Materials

No restricted materials have been added.

Admin Costs

Entries

No entries have been added.

Assigned Tasks

Outcome	Assigned To	Assigned By	Creation Date	Due Date	Closed Date	Notification	Detail
Completed	Searle Slutzkin	Searle Slutzkin	10/20/2017	10/20/2017	10/20/2017	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Description :</i> Final Disposition Notice							
<i>Comments :</i> N/A							
Other	Mark Dorgan	Searle Slutzkin	10/16/2017	10/27/2017	10/19/2017	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Description :</i> Mark - Case is ready for your review in the case folder on the S-Drive. Please note that no acknowledgement letter was sent for this request, and it has only been pending for 10 days. As such, the track will be changed to SIMPLE upon closing. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks! - Searle							
<i>Comments :</i> Signed response on shared drive.							

Comments (5)

Date / Time	User Name	Edit	Remove	Detail
10/13/2017 06:29 AM	Mark Dorgan			
	Searle, can you take a look at this request and the guidance from DCMO that I placed in the shared folder and craft a proper response?			
10/12/2017 11:33 AM	Eric Powers			
	Mark, this case needs to go to one of the analyse. (b) (5) [REDACTED]			
09/28/2017 03:22 PM	Mark Dorgan			
	Please see guidance from DCMO prior to responding.			
09/21/2017 10:17 AM	(b) (6) [REDACTED]			
	New memo needed			
09/21/2017 09:19 AM	(b) (6) [REDACTED]			
	The most of the information the requester seeks is publicly available.			

Review

Assigned Reviewers

No reviewers have been assigned.

From: [Powers, Eric, OIG DoD](#)
To: ["27188-21878596@requests.muckrock.com"](mailto:27188-21878596@requests.muckrock.com)
Subject: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST - DODOIG-2019-000934
Date: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 2:25:00 PM
Attachments: [DODOIG-2019-000934.pdf](#)

Mr. Sai,

Attached please find our response to your FOIA request.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 703-604-9775.

v/r

ERIC R. POWERS
Government Information Specialist
Department of Defense Office of Inspector General Freedom of Information Act
4800 Mark Center Drive
Alexandria, VA 22350-1500

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Requester Information

Requester	Sai Sai	Tracking Number	DODOIG-.
Organization		Submitted Date	07/30/20
Requester Has Account	Yes	Received Date	07/30/20
Email Address	27188- 21878596@requests.muckrock.com	Perfected Date	
Phone Number	6172991832	Last Assigned Date	07/30/20
Fax Number		Assigned To	Eric Powe
Address	MuckRock News DEPT 411A Highland Ave	Last Assigned By	Eric Powe
City	Somerville		Office of I
State/Province	MA	Request Track	Simple
Zip Code/Postal Code	02144	Fee Limit	\$25.00

Closure Information

Closed Date	07/30/2019	Exemptions Used
Disposition	Not an Agency Record	Statutes Used
"Other" Disposition		Subtypes Used

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public?	No	Request Type	FOIA
Request Track	Simple	Request Perfected	No
Fee Category		Perfected Date	
Fee Waiver Requested	No	Acknowledgement Sent Date	
Fee Waiver Status		Unusual Circumstances	No
Expedited Processing Requested	No	Litigation	No
Expedited Processing Status		Court Docket Number	
		5 Day Notifications?	No

Description

Long Description	To Whom It May Concern: This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request the FBI's FOIA logs for the years 1980 through 1999. Furthermore, I specifically invoke 5 USC 552(a)(2)(D) you have ever released these documents before, and have received at least 3 requests for them, you public on your FOIA reading room. The requested documents will be made available to the general public being made for commercial purposes. In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if not. Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response within 20 business days, as the statute requires. Sincerely, Sai
Has Description Been Modified?	Yes
Long Description Modified	
Description Available to the Public?	No
Short Description	

Additional Information

Type of Records Requested	N/A
Report Number	N/A
Report Name	N/A
Case #	N/A
Limit Request to Clearly Releasable Info	N/A
Cross Reference Case(s)	N/A

Attached Supporting Files

Attachments Available to the Public?

Attached File Name	Size (MB)	File T
No supporting files have been uploaded.		

Appeals

Tracking Number	Appeal Date	Appellant	Phase
No appeals have been created.			

Consultations

Tracking Number	Consulted Agency	Created By	Consultation Date
No consultations have been created.			

Correspondence to Requester

Subject	From	To
Final Disposition, Request DODOIG-2019-000934	Eric Powers	(UNSENT)
FOIA Request DODOIG-2019-000934 Submitted	System	Sai Sai

Other Correspondence

Attached File	File Type	Size (MB)
No correspondence has been created.		

Fee Estimates

Current Estimate Total \$0
Date Estimate Sent to Requester N/A
Estimate Required for Payment N/A

Invoices

Sent	Title	Invoice Date
No	DODOIG-2019-000934 Invoice-20190730142826787.pdf	07/30/2019

Total Amount Billed Which Has Been Sent To Requester \$0.00

Payments

Date	Amount	Type	Total Amount Paid	\$0.00
			Total Amount Owed	\$0.00

No payments have been added.

Case Responsive Records

Publish Options:

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UR - Unredacted - Releaseable to the General Public
RR - Redacted - Releasable to the General Public
REQ - Release to Requester Only

Release Type	Title	User	Date/Time	Exemptions
No records have been uploaded.				

Restricted Materials

Attached File Name	Size (MB)	File Type	User	Actual Agency
No restricted materials have been added.				

Existing Admin Costs

Date	User Name	Charge Type	Hours/Quantity	Rate	Bil
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No cost entries have been added.

Fee Category: N/A

Total: \$0.00

Invoice Amount: \$0.00

Assigned Tasks

Outcome	Task Type	Assigned To	Assigned By	Submitted Date	Due Date	Closed Date
Completed	Final Disposition Notice	Eric Powers	Eric Powers	07/30/2019	07/30/2019	07/30/2019
Comments	N/A					

Existing Comments (0)

Date Created

Last Edited On

User Name

No comments have been added.

Assigned Reviewers

Review Order	Review Outcome	Assigned Reviewer
No reviewers have been assigned.		



INSPECTOR GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
4800 MARK CENTER DRIVE
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22350-1500

July 30, 2019
Ref: DODOIG-2019-000934

SENT VIA EMAIL TO: 27188-21878596@requests.muckrock.com

Mr. Sai Sai
MuckRock News
DEPT MR
411A Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02144

Dear Mr. Sai:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for copies of the FBI's FOIA logs for the years 1980 through 1999. We received your request on the same day and assigned it case number DODOIG-2019-000934.

This office is responsible for processing all FOIA requests for access to records maintained by the Department of Defense, Office of Inspector General (DoD OIG). The DoD OIG is an independent and objective agency within DoD, responsible for promoting the integrity, accountability, and improvement of DoD personnel, programs, and operations. We accomplish our mission by conducting audits, investigations, inspections and assessments, and recommending policies and procedures to promote the economic, efficient, and effective use of DoD resources and programs that prevent fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement.

Given our mission and responsibilities, we are not aware of a nexus between the information you are requesting and the DoD OIG. However, in an effort to assist you, we are providing you the agency we believe most likely will have the information you are seeking.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attn: FOI/PA Request
Record/Information Dissemination Section
170 Marcel Drive
Winchester, VA 22602-4843
Fax: (540) 868-4391/4997

For further information, please visit this agency's website at
<https://www.fbi.gov/services/information-management/foipa/requesting-fbi-records>.

July 30, 2019
Ref: DODOIG-2019-000934

With this action, I am administratively closing your case in this office. If you have any questions regarding this matter, or if you have additional information that the DOD OIG created the documents you seek, please contact me at 703-699-7576 or via email eric.powers@dodig.mil.

Sincerely,



Eric R. Powers
Government Information Specialist
FOIA, Privacy and Civil Liberties Office

Dear Department of Defense, Office of the Inspector General:

This letter is a formal Freedom of Information Act request for the following records.

Background

See the document:

<<https://media.defense.gov/2019/Sep/19/2002184658/-1/-1/1/IMPROVING%20EMPLOYEE%20ENGAGEMENT%20SCORES.GLENN%20FINE.ARTICLE.PDF>>

Quote:

In short, our employees wanted more communication – both to them and from them. We therefore took a series of steps to improve communication throughout the organization.

For example, as the Acting IG, I began writing an “IG Update” email that I send to all DoD OIG employees, about once every two or three months, describing developments, significant events, and changes throughout the OIG. The email includes discussion of new policies we are implementing, changes in key personnel, various accomplishments by OIG employees, important developments throughout the DoD, and upcoming events. The email also discusses my activities, including my meetings with DoD leaders and information I learned from them that is relevant to the work of our employees.

Steve Stebbins, the DoD OIG Chief of Staff who is responsible for the OIG Mission Support Team, also regularly writes an email to all OIG staff discussing developments relating to information technology, personnel policies, office space and logistics, and many other mission support areas that affect DoD OIG employees.

A. DoD IG updates

I hereby request:

1. every "IG Update" email

2. every "email to all OIG staff"
3. all responses, forwards, etc thereof; see template section below re "All parts of the record"

See E-FOIA & 508 sections below re original format for emails + original format for attachments.

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Fiat Fiendum FOIA template

Version 5.0

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FOIA template structure

All content after the version number line above, except for the contact details at the very end, is part of my standard FOIA request template and identical between all of my FOIA requests. The provisions below are generally applicable to all FOIA / Privacy Act requests that I make.

There is one exception: the contact details below my signature at the very bottom (provided by MuckRock) are different for each request. Please use the distinct contact details matching each request, to ensure that your responses are correctly tracked.

The template provisions specify e.g. additional requests relating to my FOIA/PA requests themselves, form and format, timing, redaction & review, rolling updates, § 508 compliance, identity, fee waiver, my identity, and the like. They apply to this request, but are not specific to it.

If anything in the request-specific section above explicitly overrides anything in this template section, the request-specific section controls. If there is any ambiguity about such an override, please ask me for clarification.

The version number above is provided to make it easier for you to process my requests. Since all content (except contact info) below identical version number lines is identical between my requests, you need track only the request-specific portions (at the top) and the latest version of my general provisions.

Please read each new version carefully, as updates generally contain substantive changes.

Template version updates

If you receive any FOIA request from me with a newer template version number than any pending prior FOIA requests from me, please replace the template portion of all prior requests with the updated version, treat the update as a clarification of and/or extension to the prior request, and process each updated request accordingly. Do not close the original request or change its request date. If you are permitted by law to refuse to honor such an update, and you choose to exercise that refusal, please process any differences between the new version and the prior version as a new FOIA request in its own right.

Additional FOIA requests

In addition to the records specified in the request-specific section above, I also request:

B. all records relating to the fulfillment of this request, such as FOIA logs, documentation of searches, referral emails, etc.

This part of the request is to be processed only after you have completed processing all of the above parts. This part does not request that you create any new record; rather, it requests the records that you will have created in processing the above parts, and will therefore exist before you conduct the search for this part. See *McGehee v. CIA*, 697 F. 2d 1095, 1100-05 (D.C. Cir. 1983) (agency must use time-of-search cut-off date, not time-of-request).

C. all records relating to any complaint(s), FOIA request(s)/appeal(s), and/or Privacy Act request(s)/appeal(s) made by me. This includes, but is not limited to:

1. all records relating to the processing my previous requests, complaints, etc;
2. all records containing the terms my name, email address(es), and other contact or identifying information, listed below my signature; and
3. all records containing any of my complaint, request or appeal identifiers.

Parts (B) and (C) must be processed only after you have processed the items above that line, i.e. such that at the time of the search, the records described will have already

been created at the time you conduct the search. Part (C) must be processed after part (B) is completed.

Parts (B) and (C) may overlap with similar prior requests. However, the cut-off date is, at earliest, the date that you complete search on all of the above items. If you wish to administratively merge this request with a prior similar request, I consent on condition that you extend the cut-off date for the prior request, and provide rolling updates. Otherwise, you must treat this as a new request.

For all responsive records, I also request:

D.

1. all parts of the record (i.e. no portion of a record with some responsive portion may be considered "non-responsive");
2. all versions of the record, whether or not currently in use;
3. all record metadata, such as dates on which they were drafted, passed, went into effect, withdrawn, or similar events; person(s) / office(s) responsible; authors; IDs; revision numbers; etc.;
4. a detailed index of all claims of exemption/privilege, regardless of whether the record is claimed to be exempt in whole or in part;

access to inspect the record directly, in its native electronic format; and

5. if any classification applies, mandatory declassification review (MDR) under E.O. 13526, and the result of the MDR, including any declassified records.

"All parts of the record" means that the "record" should be considered to be the most comprehensive record with any responsive portion. For instance:

- a) if any portion of an email is responsive, the entire contents of all email thread(s) to which that email belongs is also responsive (including attachments);
- b) if a record is part of a larger record, such as a responsive table that is in a chapter of a report, then the entire larger record (e.g. the full report) is responsive, together with any appendices, amendments, etc.;
- c) if a record is part of a book, the entire book is responsive;

d) if a record is part of a database, all related database records are responsive;

etc.

"Related database records" has the technical meaning used in relational database management systems (such as SQL). It recursively includes all directly and indirectly related records (starting with all responsive records, include as responsive the full row of each, and recursively include as responsive all rows for which any responsive record has a foreign key or is referenced by a foreign key), together with the schema for all responsive records.

Items in part (D) should be prioritized at the same level as the record they apply to.

Timing

For all requests above, the "cut-off date" is, at the earliest, the date that you conduct the search.

The priority order listed above is only for items that may take extra time to respond to, and must not be taken as blocking response to an otherwise lower priority item that could be released more quickly than a higher priority item that is pending time-intensive search or review.

FOIA IA notice

Please note that this request is made after the enactment of Public Law No. 114-185, S. 337 (114th), the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016 (FOIA IA). The revised statute, as specified in the FOIA IA, applies to this request. FOIA IA § 6.

In particular, please note that:

1. you must provide electronic format documents, §§ 552(a)(2) (undesignated preceding text), 552(a)(2)(E) (undesignated following text), 552(a)(3)(B), and 552(a)(3)(C);
2. you may not specify an appeal duration less than 90 days, § 552(a)(6)(C)(A)(i)(III)(aa);
3. you may not withhold any record unless "the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by an exemption described in subsection (b), or disclosure is prohibited by law", § 552(a)(8)(A)(i);

4. you must segregate and partially release records where possible, §§ 552(a)(8)(A)(ii) and 552(b) (undesignated matter following (b)(9)); and

5. you may not claim deliberative process exemption for records more than 25 years old, § 552(b)(5).

"Record" defined

For the purposes of this request, except as otherwise specified, "record" means any agreement, appendix, application, assessment, attachment, checklist, circular, contract, correspondence (including but not limited to email), data management plan, documentation of search parameters, email, email attachment, form, guide, handbook, index of records, information consent agreement, information sharing agreement, instruction, interpretation, kit, management instruction, manual, memorandum, memorandum of understanding, notice, notification, opinion, order, plan, policy, policy statement, processing note, publication, recording, referral, report, request certification form, request detail report, response, rule, script, standard operating procedure, submission, talking point, training document, video, or related record described, regardless of publication status.

Anti-duplication exclusion

This request specifically excludes providing me with new copies of any records which have been already provided to me or published online for free (e.g. on the agency's online "reading room"), in full or identically to the form that would be provided to me under this request (i.e. with exactly the same format, redactions, and claimed exemptions).

This is only an exclusion on providing records under this request that are identical to those already provided to me or available online, and only if I am or have already been provided a link to the online version (if "available online").

This exclusion is only intended to limit unnecessary duplication or provision, not to limit what records are responsive to this request, nor to permit failure to disclose the location of a responsive record available online. If this exclusion would in any way increase the cost or duration to respond to this request, it is to be ignored to the extent it does so.

This request is to be treated as separate from all others that I have filed.

Forwarding; multi-agency / multi-component records

Please forward this request to the FOIA office of every agency component and subcomponent that may have responsive records for independent processing, with a copy to me.

This request includes any records held jointly by your agency in conjunction with any other agency and/or department, in interagency and/or interdepartmental systems of records, or by other agencies or third parties (including contractors) acting pursuant to any agreement with your agency.

Minimal redaction

Please note that the FOIA requires you to service the maximum extent of my request that can be done via e.g. partial redaction of exempt material. If you believe some portions of a record to be exempt because it contains Sensitive Security Information (SSI, 49 CFR 15 & 1520) or classified information (18 USC 798), please provide a version of the record redacted to the minimum extent necessary to remove exempt information (e.g. per 49 CFR 1520.15), along with adequate information to describe the reason for each specific exemption.

Redaction of repeatedly occurring content

When redacting any content that appears more than once in the full set of responsive records, please assign a replacement identifier for each, so that your redaction does not obfuscate the commonality.

For example, suppose that responsive records include the names Alice, Bob, Charlie, and Diego, and you determine that each of those names are redactable (e.g. under (b)(7)(C)). Rather than redacting each with only the text "(b)(7)(C)", replace each instance of "Alice" with "(b)(7)(C) - Person 1", each instance of "Bob" with "(b)(7)(C) - Person 2", etc. This e.g. withholds Alice's identity while not withholding the fact of commonality between occurrences.

Please use reasonably descriptive identifiers. For instance, if Elizabeth's name is not redacted but her personal cellphone number is, and that cellphone number appears e.g. both in her email signature and elsewhere by itself, it should in both cases be redacted with the same descriptive identifier, such as "[Alice's cell #]". For documents, this can be specified in the margins. If space or file format does not permit you to do so, then please use a short code (e.g. "[#52]", and provide a table matching codes to full identifiers in your response letter.

If you make any such redactions, please keep but do not provide a table matching codes/identifiers to the redacted content, for use in case your redaction is examined or overturned on appeal or in litigation.

This is a form and format request pertaining to your process of redaction. Because it only applies in situations when you have already exercised the voluntary decision to alter the records from the original form requested, you have necessarily waived any objection to this section "creating a new record", since your act of redaction itself already "makes a new record" in that limited sense. This is only about how you do a redaction you have already decided to make.

This provision limits the scope of your redaction to the minimum possible extent, so that even if you decide to withhold some particular piece of content, you do not also withhold the fact of its being the same as the same content appearing elsewhere. That fact is itself metadata that is explicitly requested as part of this request.

If you decide that the mere fact of two pieces of content being the same is itself withholdable, then please redact it using an identifier that encodes only the reason, and provide a table matching those reason-only identifiers to justifications in your response letter.

Estimates and rolling updates

In order to help tailor my request, please provide an upfront estimate of the time and cost it will take to complete this request, broken down any significant factors that would affect cost to service, number of records in each category, and your estimate of how many records in the category are likely to be exempt.

Please provide me with incremental updates, with updated estimates for fulfillment of the remainder, rather than having the entirety of the request be blocked until fully completed.

No new records; electronic & original format

This request does not ask you to create new records.

If you determine that a response would require creating a new record that you do not want to create, please first contact me by email with an explanation of what records you have that would most closely match the information requested and might be acceptable substitutes, so that we can reasonably tailor the request.

In particular, I specifically request that you do not create new documents in response to this request that are modifications of a digital record, such as page-view images, print views, scans, or the like. No such creation or substitution is authorized by FOIA or the Privacy Act.

However, if the same or similar records are held in both electronic and paper formats, this request includes both the paper and electronic versions. The paper version and the digital version are distinct records, and each may contain distinct information such as handwritten or other markings on the paper copy and embedded metadata in the electronic version.

I specifically request both the original, electronic format record, and (if it contains any additional markings) the paper record.

To the extent that the native electronic format is proprietary or otherwise not in format accessible by widely available, open source software, I also request

1. an export of the proprietary format into a standard, open format, as described below, and
2. all proprietary software necessary to use and understand the original, proprietary format records.

Rehab Act § 508 compliance

In accordance with 5 USC 552(a)(3)(B & C) (E-FOIA), Rehabilitation Act § 508, and FOIA IA, I demand that you respond using original, native format, electronic, machine-processable, accessible, open, and well structured records to the maximum extent possible—for both the content of your response, and any communications about the request (such as response letters).

This means, e.g.:

1. native, original format records rather than PDFs or other conversions (see note above re providing both native electronic records and scans of paper records, if both exist);
2. individual files per distinct source record (e.g. one .msg file per email), named clearly using the record's identifier, title, and date, rather than a single file containing multiple concatenated records;

3. records compliant with the Rehabilitation Act § 508, 36 CFR Part 1194, and §O 14289--1;
4. fully digital text records rather than scans, rasterizations, or OCR;
5. complete electronic records, as held on any computer (including phones, servers, backup servers, mail servers, workstations, etc.), including all headers and attachments, fully expanded e-mail addresses, full addresses for address "aliases", full lists for "distribution list" aliases, all embedded and external metadata, complete bitwise digital copies of the original file, all file headers, and all other file content;
6. blackout rather than whiteout redactions, with every redaction marked with all exemption(s) claimed for that redaction;
7. digital redactions rather than black marker or rasterization;
8. lists and structured data as machine-processable spreadsheets (e.g. CSV, SQL, XSL) rather than word documents (e.g. DOC, PDF, TXT, RTF) or partial printouts (e.g. PDF),
9. open format records (e.g. PDF, AVI, MPG) rather than proprietary format records (e.g. WordPerfect, Microsoft Advanced Systems Format (ASF)) (note above re providing both original, proprietary format records and open format records);
10. scans rather than paper copies;
11. digital audio/video files rather than physical tapes;
12. upload to your Electronic Reading Room (or other publicly accessible server) rather than personal transfer (for all items other than the item requesting records related to me or my requests);
13. email or (S)FTP file transfer rather than CD;
14. email correspondence rather than physical mail; etc.

Compression, passwords, and uploading large files

Multiple files may be sent in a combined, compressed form using standard ZIP, TAR, GZIP, BZIP2, and/or RAR formats, or sent as separate files, at your discretion.

Do not use any password on any files, including ZIP files etc., unless a password was present in the original, native format (in which case, leave it unaltered, and send me the password).

If there are any files you prefer not to transfer by email (e.g. if they are >10MB), please upload them to me via the link listed below my signature. Doing so is secure, completely free to you, and I will be notified of the upload.

No physical "duplication"; inspection & direct access

Please note that this request does not request that you physically "duplicate" records, as I do not want you to create any paper or other physical copy for me —I only want electronic versions (or scans, for records that are not fully available in electronic form). As such, I expect there to be no duplication related costs.

Furthermore, I specifically request access for inspection of the records, including direct electronic access, in native format, to any electronic records.

Request tracking numbers and estimated completion date

Upon receipt, and in every followup response, please state your tracking number(s) for this request, as well as your specific estimated completion date. 5 USC 552(a)(7).

Communication about this request and method for responding

If you have any questions or updates about this request, please contact me by email, using only the MuckRock email address from which this request was sent. Please do not send responses to my personal or organizational email addresses unless I specifically request you to do so.

Please ensure that all of your responses comply with § 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, 36 CFR Part 1194, and ISO 14289--1.

In particular, please make all correspondence pursuant to this request —including notification and responsive records —by email, with native electronic format records, as specified in the request. I do not authorize you to send anything to me by physical mail unless I specifically state otherwise.

Do not respond using ZixCorp "Secure Mail" or any other method that "expires" records from being available. Use only actual email and direct attachments, or upload using the link below, unless I explicitly request otherwise.

"Reasonable description" and tailoring

Please note that a request need only be "reasonably described" in the sense that you understand what is requested and where you can find it. A request is not improper merely because of the amount of responsive records. I will not agree to a limitation premised on this request asking for voluminous records. However, I may agree to a limitation premised on the difficulty of finding particular records or categories thereof, the quality of records available, paper vs electronic format, or similar issues.

If you believe that any of the requested items are not reasonably described, that they would be overly burdensome to fulfill, or that you need any further information, please be specific about what you consider vague.

Please include in any response about "reasonably described", or any request for narrowing, specific questions I can answer that would clarify matters for you; specific descriptions of what parts of the request more or less burdensome (and why) that could serve as the basis for negotiating a narrower request; and any indexes, finding guides, record categories, record storage practices, likely places that responsive records may be located, or similar information that would allow me to understand your concerns and better tailor the request.

No fees agreed to; non-commercial status; journalistic & public interest waiver

I am not currently willing to pay for servicing this request. I may be willing to pay if it is necessary; please send a detailed explanation of the costs and their statutory justification, and service the maximum extent of the request that can be done for free in the meantime.

This request is a qualified request for journalistic, public interest purposes. As such, I request fully waived fees, including both public interest fee waiver and journalistic fee waiver.

1. Fiat Fiendum, Inc. (FF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, organized for charitable, educational, scientific, and/or literary purposes.

This request is a part of FF's bona fide educational and scientific purpose activities, which are public interest purposes as a matter of law.

2. FF's actions in matters such as this request are non-commercial. My personal interest in the records is also non-commercial.
3. Both Fiat Fiendum as an organization, and I as an individual, are representatives of the news media and entitled to waiver of all search fees.
4. I intend and am able to host and publish all received records online to the general public at no charge, as well to publish highlights, analyses, summaries, commentaries, and other creative, original journalistic and scientific work about responsive records through multiple online publications, as part of Fiat Fiendum's work.
5. The records requested are of significant public interest, entitled to waiver of all duplication fees, since
 - a. they are requested for 501(c)(3) public interest purposes;
 - b. as above, I both am able and intend to disseminate the files widely;
 - c. they would contribute greatly to the public understanding of the operations & activities of your agency, in that they are records that directly describe agency operations & activities, as well as the issues and matters described at the top of this letter;
 - d. they are not currently readily available; and
 - e. they are likely to be requested by others.
6. As mentioned above, I am explicitly not asking for any physical duplication, but rather direct server-to-server file transfer or email (or posting on your website). FOIA authorizes "duplication" fees strictly limited to your agency's actual costs, and mandates that your agency use the cheapest available requested methods. I consider the actual costs for server-to-server file transfer to be reasonably estimated by, e.g., Amazon S3's pricing (<https://aws.amazon.com/s3/pricing/>).
7. I request that, pending fee waiver determination or appeal, you proceed with this request as if it were in the "other non-commercial requester" category.

Requester

This request is made on behalf of both myself, Sai (in personal capacity) and Fiat Fiendum, Inc. (in official capacity).

“Sai” is my full legal name.

Please note that I am partially blind. I use screen readers (such as VoiceOver and TalkBack). I also need to process documents using computer code (which requires machine-readable data, including metadata). These facts must be considered as part of the basis for, and right to, the form and format requests detailed above.

Sincerely,

Sai

President, Fiat Fiendum, Inc.

Fiat Fiendum is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt corporation devoted to public interest journalism, government transparency and accountability, individuals' civil rights, and related issues.

Upload link and physical mail address are below. (Again, do not physically mail responsive records without my explicit request; send all responses electronically.)

Upload documents directly:

https://www.muckrock.com/accounts/login/?url_auth_token=AAAGuuugrbOtX7qBwOVeyg9EZdwA%3A1iCDt6%3ArBaP3cxH6SK75zk5WMsPM9wDs58&next=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.muckrock.com%2Faccounts%2Flogin%2F%3Fnext%3D%252Faccounts%252Fagency_login%252Fdod-office-of-the-inspector-general-102%252Fdod-ig-updates-80700%252F%253Femail%253D%252522foiarequests%252522%252B%25253Cfoiarequests%252540dodig.mil%25253E

DODOIG-2019-001166 Request Details

Clock Days: 3

Case Phase: Evaluation Case Status: Initial Evaluation Due Date: 10/22/2019

Requester Information

Requester	Sai Sai
Organization	
Requester Has Account	Yes
Email Address	80700-11733530@requests.muckrock.com
Phone Number	
Fax Number	
Address	MuckRock News, DEPT MR 80700 411A Highland Ave
City	Somerville
State/Province	MA
Zip Code/Postal Code	02144
Tracking Number	DODOIG-2019-001166
Submitted Date	09/23/2019
Received Date	09/23/2019
Perfected Date	09/23/2019
Last Assigned Date	09/23/2019
Assigned To	Department of Defense Office of Inspector General
Last Assigned By	
Request Track	Complex
Fee Limit	\$0.00

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public	No
Request Track	Complex
Fee Category	Media
Fee Waiver Requested	No
Fee Waiver Status	
Expedited Processing Requested	No
Expedited Processing Status	
Request Type	FOIA
Request Perfected	Yes
* Perfected Date	09/23/2019
Acknowledgement Sent Date	09/26/2019
Unusual Circumstances	No
Litigation	No
5 Day Notifications	

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Dear Mr. Sai:

Attached please find our acknowledgement letter pertaining to your FOIA request.

v/r

ERIC R. POWERS
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September 26, 2019
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SENT VIA FOIAONLINE TO: 80700-11733530@requests.muckrock.com

Mr. Sai Sai
MuckRock News
DEPT MR 80700
411a Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02144

Dear Mr. Sai :

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Your request was received on September 23, 2019, and it was assigned case number DODOIG-2019-001166.

Please be advised this office has adopted a first in/first out practice of processing all incoming requests. Your request has been placed in chronological order based on the date of receipt and will be handled as quickly as possible when it is assigned for processing. If you have any questions regarding the status of your request, you may contact this office by telephone at 703-604-9775 or by email at foiarequests@dodig.mil. You may also contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Mark Dorgan, at 703-604-9873, for any further assistance or to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. However, OGIS does not have the authority to mediate requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974 (request to access one's own records).

Sincerely,

Eric R. Powers
Government Information Specialist
FOIA, Privacy and Civil Liberties Office

DODOIG-2019-001231 Request Details

Clock Days: 10

Case Phase: Evaluation Case Status: Initial Evaluation Due Date: 10/22/2019

Requester Information

Requester	Sai Sai
Organization	
Requester Has Account	No
Email Address	80700-11733530@requests.muckrock.com
Phone Number	
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Address	MuckRock News, DEPT MR 80700 411A Highland Ave
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Tracking Number	DODOIG-2019-001231
Submitted Date	09/23/2019
Received Date	09/23/2019
Perfected Date	09/23/2019
Last Assigned Date	10/07/2019
Assigned To	Department of Defense Office of Inspector General
Last Assigned By	
Request Track	Complex
Fee Limit	\$0.01

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public	<input type="text" value="No"/>
Request Track	<input type="text" value="Complex"/>
Fee Category	<input type="text" value="Media"/>
Fee Waiver Requested	No
Fee Waiver Status	
Expedited Processing Requested	No
Expedited Processing Status	
Request Type	<input type="text" value="FOIA"/>
Request Perfected	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
* Perfected Date	<input type="text" value="09/23/2019"/>
Acknowledgement Sent Date	<input type="text" value="10/07/2019"/>
Unusual Circumstances	No
Litigation	<input type="text" value="No"/>
5 Day Notifications	

Description

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all records relating to any complaint(s), FOIA request(s)/appeal(s), and/or Privacy Act request(s)/appeal(s) made by me. This includes, but is not limited to

- 1 all records relating to the processing my previous requests, complaints, etc;
- 2 all records containing the terms my name, email address(es), and other contact or identifying information, listed below my signature; and
- 3 all records containing any of my complaint, request or appeal identifiers

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As currently worded in your FOIA Case DODOIG-2019-001166, reference to attachment MR #80700, we determined that there are two separate requests. We created a separate FOIA request for item item #C, and assigned it DODOIG-2019-0011231. Please be advised this office has adopted a first in/first out practice of processing all incoming requests. Your request has been placed in chronological order based on the date of receipt and will be handled as quickly as possible when it is assigned for processing. If you have any questions regarding the status of your request, you may contact this office by telephone at 703-604-9775 or by email at foiarequests@dodig.mil. You may also contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Mark Dorgan, at 703-604-9873, for any further assistance or to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. However, OGIS does not have the authority to mediate requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974 (request to access one's own records).

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